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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A method for producing a polarizing film, comprising:

a dyeing step and a stretching step,

a plurality of films, each of which is played out from a corresponding raw film

respectively, being dipped simultaneously into at least one processing liquid without contacting

each other.

2. (Original): The method for producing a polarizing film according to claim 1,

wherein the number of the films is 2 to 4.

3. (Original): The method for producing a polarizing film according to claim 1,

wherein a polyvinylalcohol film is dyed with a dichroic substance in the dyeing step, and

then the dyed film is uniaxially stretched in the stretching step.

4. (Original): A polarizing film obtained by the method according to claim 1.

5. (Original): An optical film comprising the polarizing film according to claim 4 and an

optical layer provided on at least one side of the polarizing film.

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6. (Original): A liquid crystal panel comprising the polarizing film according to claim 4.

7. (Original): An image display comprising the polarizing film according to claim 4.

8. (Original): The liquid crystal panel according to claim 6,

wherein the liquid crystal panel is produced by an in-house production method.

9. (Original): The image display according to claim 7,

wherein the image display is produced by an in-house production method.

10. (Currently Amended): An apparatus for producing a polarizing film, comprising a processing bath having a film delivery holder for <u>simultaneously</u> dipping a plurality of films, <u>each of which is played out from a corresponding raw film respectively</u>, into at least one processing liquid without contacting each other.

- 11. (Original): The apparatus for producing a polarizing film according to claim 10, wherein the number of the films is 2 to 4.
- 12. (Original): The method for producing a polarizing film according to claim 1, wherein a total stretch ratio is from 3.0 to 7.0.